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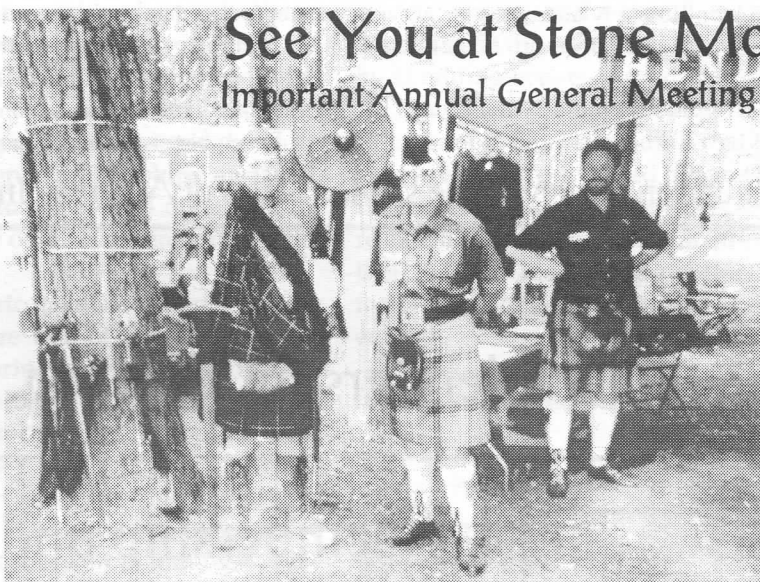
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## See You at Stone Mountain

Important Annual General Meeting on Saturday

by Executive Board



The Annual General Meeting for the Clan Henderson Society of the United States of America, Inc. will take place during the Stone Mountain Games, 16-17 October 2004, in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Please read through this entire article as it is chock full of information. You can buy your tickets and park entrance tickets in advance of the games. Web site [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org).

### Stone Mountain Highland Games

Saturday 16 October 2004 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Stone Mountain Park, GA Adult: \$14.00 Child (6-12): \$4.00 (under 6 free)

Sunday 17 October 2004 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Stone Mountain Park, GA Adult: \$12.00 Child (6-12): \$4.00 (under 6 free)

### Stone Mountain Memorial Parking

Multi-Day park entry/parking pass

(only available with advance ticket orders for both days activities.)

Discount not available at the Games. Regular price \$8.00 daily. Each Vehicle: \$8.00

### First Contact

Please send your reservation and money for the Banquet/Ceilidh to Harry Keifer by 1 October 2004. More information on the Banquet.

### Next Contact

We ask each family to call the Keifers at (770) 925-9015 once they have settled in Atlanta. Leave a message for them providing your name, time, and housing information and (cell) phone number.

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An Canach does not maintain a mailing list. Please notify the membership secretary of any address changes.

Articles and reports for An Canach are requested and encouraged. Please send photos separately. E-mail or USPS are both acceptable. Deadlines are 1 December, 1 March, 1 June, and 1 September.

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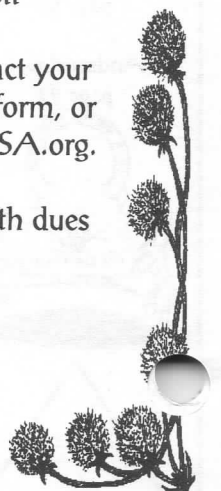
Renewals occur one year after your original membership.

While you should receive a postcard reminder, your renewal month is highlighted on your address label and you may send in your dues using this format.

Keep your An Canach arriving on time.

For Clan Members who wish to enroll other members of their family (e.g., parents, grown children), please contact your Regional Commissioner for a membership form, or download it from [www.ClanHendersonUSA.org](http://www.ClanHendersonUSA.org).

Send renewal and/or membership form with dues directly to Membership Secretary  
Carol Maley  
19 Sunbury Street  
Minersville PA 17954  
(570) 544-3428



# President's Message

by Rex Maddox



In August, as I sat watching the Olympics, it crossed my mind how fortunate we are to have so many dedicated young athletes to represent our country. Gold medals seemed to be handed out to practically all who competed because of their individual skills in the fields they had chosen for competition. It was at that time that I began to think about all of the young people of our Clan who have great talents. I had just finished preparing the award certificates and mailing them out to the seven awardees for the year 2003 Youth Scholarships. During my term as president, we have awarded thirteen other certificates and monetary awards to youths who applied for our scholarships. Of the twenty scholarships awarded, two have been possible due to special donations for this purpose by a member of the Clan, in honor of her deceased husband.

We are indeed fortunate to have such talented young people desiring to acquire one of our scholarships for the purpose of furthering their education in the Scottish arts, whether it be highland dancing, fiddling, playing the harp, drums or bagpipes, or competing in athletics or academics. My only regret is that more young people didn't come forward with an application for one of these awards. The committee appointed each year to make the selections from amongst those applying for the scholarships has, on two annual occasions, sent me their list of recommendations with a notation that they had expected more applicants. The members of the committee have established no maximum number of awards and is very pleased when they can recommend more than three or four individuals for my approval. During my term as your President, the maximum number of scholarships approved in any given year has been seven.

As a result of the elections to take place at the Annual General Meeting this year at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, I will be moving to the office of past president. I expect to assist the new president in any way he may desire and will probably continue to make my way around the country, visiting with cousins at highland games and Celtic festivals held in their areas.

These past four years, I have attended or convened at over one hundred twenty events. In the years prior to my term as president, I would try to be present at ten or fifteen events in regions other than my home region. When I was commissioner of the mid east, I found there were forty-three events in this region alone and there was no way I could physically make it to them all. I was very fortunate in finding

some cousins who were willing to convene events near their homes and this took a great deal of pressure off of my shoulders. Even though I had this assistance, fifteen or twenty events during that year kept me pretty busy. I would expect to continue with my travels, at a reduced rate, and think I can be of definite assistance in the continued growth of the Clan Society by attending events around the country.

I have really enjoyed being in this office the past four years and have to admit that the assistance of all the elected and appointed officers has made my "job" much easier. Any of these people could take on the responsibility of the office of president and excel in their performance. All it requires is time—the main factor in most people's lives of which there is never enough.

Thank you for your fine support during the past four years—it has been great!!



Shown in this picture are the Queen and her court of Princesses of the Pendleton, Oregon Roundup, a rodeo and western event held annually in September in that northeastern Oregon city. The photo was taken in July when President Maddox was attending the Athena, Oregon Caledonian Games. From L to R: Princess Emily Johnson, Princess Jessi Wells, Queen Cydney Corey, President Maddox, Princess Tiah Pahl and Princess Jill Quesenberry.





On the march  
at Stone in  
years past

#### Proposed Slate of Officers

##### For President

*Billy J. Henderson  
of Jackson, MI.*

##### For

##### Vice President

*Edwin P.  
Hendricks of  
Demorest, GA.*

##### For

##### Vice President/ General Counsel

*Judge Earl R.  
Hendry of Roan  
Mountain, TN.*

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Malvern, PA.*

##### For Membership Secretary

*Carol Maley of  
Minersville, PA.*

##### For Recording Secretary

*Dottie Henderson  
of Marco Island,  
FL.*

### AGM Info from page 1

#### First Event: Executive Board

Harry and Suzanne Keifer will host the Executive Board meeting at their home. The meeting is the first scheduled clan event and it will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, 15 October. Directions to the Keifer's house follow:

Take I-285 to Exit 39B, US 78 & GA 10, Stone Mountain Hwy, (East to Snellville and Athens), approx. ten miles to left at traffic light onto Lake Lucerne Road. Proceed about two miles to a left turn into Ridgeland Forest community on Ridgeland Drive. The Keifer house is second on right, 4511 Ridgeland Drive.

It is requested that each region have a representative at this meeting—should the commissioner not be present, his deputy can take the seat and make the vote. Only one rep from each region will be recognized and one vote permitted. Those elected officers who cannot be present are requested to designate another of the elected officers to represent them and provide that person with written permission (Email message would do) to cast a vote for them, in absentia. The president will cast no votes other than his own and then only in the event of a tie vote on an agenda item.

Should a region's commissioner not be able to attend this meeting

and no Deputy has been designated for the region, he may canvas the membership of the region and determine if anyone will be in attendance at the AGM. If such a person should be located, he may designate that person as his deputy by submitting a

written notification to the Executive Board. This notification should take place no later than 14 October 2004. This will be an important meeting and all members are requested to attend. Additionally, each Officer, elected and appointed, is to receive an award—their presence is respectfully requested.

#### Saturday 16 October: Membership

Gates open at 8:00 a.m.

The Annual General Meeting of clan members will take place following the Parade of Tartans (approx. 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 16th). A Clan walkabout is planned following the Annual General Meeting on Saturday. Meals—and Scottish goodies—during the day are being left to individual families.

The Louisville Pipes and Drums (who wear the Henderson Modern tartan) will be competing at this event and have been contacted with regard to leading the members in this event. A large turnout of Clan members would show all persons attending these Games that "The Hendersons are there!"

The Stone Mountain AGM Banquet/Ceilidh will be a more "formal" affair than we're normally used to at the Keifer household. We will be having a buffet-style supper at Killian Hall (just a stone's throw from the Games). The menu includes a beef carving station, fresh veggies and dips, various cheeses, fresh fruit, and a station with oven roasted potatoes,

dinner rolls and other veggies. There will be a cash bar on site. The reception is scheduled to start around 7:00 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$27.50/person. If you plan to attend, we need to have your reservations and checks made out to either Harry or Suzanne Keifer no later than 1 October 2004. This is a "drop dead" deadline date for the hall and we do appreciate your timeliness in getting your reservations to us by then. Our mailing address is:

Harry and Suzanne Keifer  
4511 Ridgeland Drive  
Lilburn, GA. 30047

We hope to make this a special occasion and look forward to seeing as many of our Henderson cousins as possible.

Directions to Killian Hall—  
From the Games or local hotels:  
Go East on Highway 78 (Stone Mountain Freeway) to Killian Hill Road. (Large Publix Shopping Center on Left and Kroger on Right). Turn Left on Killian Hill, cross Five Forks Road, almost immediately on the right. Allow about 15-20 minutes from Games field to the hall.

#### Sunday 17 October: Membership

Gates open at 8:00 a.m.

Kevin Henderson, the Clan's International Masters Champion in the "Under 190 pound class" will be at this gathering and intends to represent the Clan in the "Clan Challenge" athletic event.

We hope everyone will have an outstanding time this weekend.





visiting the old country

## Scotland 2005 - Kilts in the Wind

by Beth Gay, DGOTJ, LOK, FSA Scot

*Going Home to Scotland in 2005 is going to be a trip for Hendersons  
and all of their family and friends!*

My life-long best friend, Marti Van Horne (a Scots Travel Specialist) comes with us as we escort trips to Scotland every summer or so... and the 2005 trip is going to be one of the best - filled with things that tours don't normally do...and much fun...and much learning about our homeland. Beth will give genealogical talks—NOT boring ones, I promise—in the evenings here and there as time allows.

The trip will be guided by Scots Blue Badge Guide, Fraser Gordon. Fraser holds a degree in British History from St. Andrews University and has accompanied every trip that we have taken. He insures that travelers come away from their Scottish experience with knowledge and with a feeling for the true Scotland...and full of fun, too.

From 26 May 26 to 8 June 2005, the group will travel all over Scotland.

A few—just a few—of the planned highlights include a visit to the Edinburgh Flea Market, a visit to Rosslyn Chapel (Have you read The DaVinci Code? Have you read any of the dozens of books on this very magical place?)...a train ride on the new Carrington Mountain Railway to have lunch at the highest restaurant in Britain at 4000 feet and even a visit to the new Falkirk Wheel with a boat ride through the new locks!

The group will visit Loch and go for a cruise on that beautiful body of water...and have a very special program by Ray Owens that evening. (You may visit [www.highlandvoices.com](http://www.highlandvoices.com)



Beth Gay on a previous visit to the Henderson Stone in Glencoe.

to learn more about Ray.) He does a great program on little known facts about Highland Dress...the Jacobites, etc.

We'll visit the hydroponic farm at Achitibue Hydroponicum... and then...ta dah...the four hour boat trip to the Summer Isles that stops at Tanera Mor.

We'll have a real treat as we'll get to meet Mary Buchanan at Poolewe at her CheckMates and

Cadadh Doll Factory! You can see all about Mary and her dolls at [www.cadadh.co.uk/checkmate.html](http://www.cadadh.co.uk/checkmate.html) I promise, you'll be fascinated!

We'll go over the bridge to Skye and to Kinloch Lodge for lunch with Godfrey and Claire Macdonald. You all know, I'm sure, that Godfrey is High Chief of Clan Donald and Claire is a very famous cookery writer. (See her books at Books-A-Million, Borders, etc.) This will be our third or fourth visit with Claire and Godfrey and is sure to be a real memory in the making!

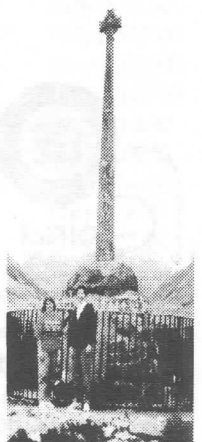
We'll visit Glengarry Loch - one of the most beautiful places on this earth—for a "photo op" and then on to Glencoe and The Henderson Stone.

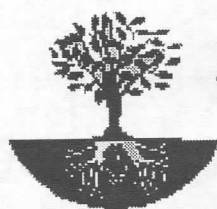
We'll also see gardens and castles and museums and have time for some shopping...and we'll finish the trip with our own Ceilidh . . . where the only rule is that if you wear contacts, you must be careful not to laugh so hard that they will fall out.

If you would like a detailed itinerary and a brochure with all of the trip details, please contact Beth at [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) or write to Beth Gay, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. Information is also available on the clan Web site [www.ClanHendersonUSA.org](http://www.ClanHendersonUSA.org).

The best recommendation I can think of . . . is that on our previous trips, about 3/4 of the folks were those who had come with us either once before or on every single Scottish adventure! We DO have a good time.

Additional contact:  
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Beaufort NC  
28516  
850-278-1548





# Henderson ROOTS & TWIGS

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot



Dear Cousins:

In every large expanded family group, some offspring sink, most stay afloat and swim, and a few take off and soar. That's true of us in Clan Henderson.

It's a pleasure to learn about kinfolks who floundered at first, became strong swimmers and then took wings. One such of our boys was Patrick Henry; Patrick Henry "the Patriot."

Patrick's father, John, was born about 1704 in the parish of Foveran, near Aberdeen. One of John's brothers, Patrick (for whom our Patrick was named), graduated from King's College in Aberdeen, and immigrated to Virginia where he became a prominent Anglican clergyman. Another brother, David, headed off to London where he rose from journeyman printer, to contributor, to editor of "The Gentleman's Magazine." David wrote that the Henrys were "more respected for their good sense and superior education than for their riches."

(These Henrys were Anglicans

in a Scottish sea of Presbyterians. For some reason, Aberdeen, almost alone in Scotland, took the Anglican position against uncommon pressure. Is this reflected in Patrick Henry's stand for religious freedom in the colonies?)

John Henry immigrated to Virginia in 1727, acquired a modest allotment of land in Hanover Co where he became a moderately successful planter, married the widow Syme and began to beget. Patrick was the second of nine children, born 29 May 1736. Patrick grew up in this frontier region, ending his smattering of schooling by 15. As a teen-ager, he and his brother started a "country store" which soon failed. At 18, he married Sarah Shelton (she was 16), apparently in a hurry. Her father set the pair up with 300 acres, "Piney Slash," but in three hard years they were burned out (literally). Patrick and his growing family moved into her father's tavern at Hanover Courthouse where he took over its daily management.

Shelton's Tavern was across the road from the county courthouse and the tavern was where folks went before and after sessions. Presumably, that was the germ that awakened young Patrick's ambition to become a lawyer.

Patrick did become a self-taught lawyer, overcoming scorn from Tidewater gentry, failing examinations then passing them against odds. He discovered his natural gift as an orator. The backwoods folks liked him, he won his cases, and soon they sent him to take a seat in the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg.

It was the time of the infamous "Stamp Act." How should Virginia respond to it? Patrick Henry stood up, the youngest member of the House and the least experienced as he had been there only 10 days. He presented the famous Virginia Resolutions, calling for resistance to the stamp tax. In the ensuing debate, Patrick remarked "Tarquin and Caesar each had his Brutus; Charles the First, his Cromwell; and George the Third..." At this point, the speaker of the House cried "Treason!" Then Patrick continued, "... and George the Third may profit from their example. If that be treason, make the most of it."

The rest, as they say, is history.

Patrick is the delight of the genealogist. By Sarah, he had six children. After she died, he married Dorothea Spotswood Dandridge, who bore him eleven children. Two of our Clan cousins, Cheryl Ann Henry Suzor and Jack B Schaffer, are twigs on this family tree, and I'll bet we'll find others among our growing roster of Henrys!

Yours Aye,

*Horace*

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## Clan Henderson Goes To Scotland!!

It's time for you to "come home" to Scotland! Clan Henderson will participate in a tour of Scotland, tentatively set for 26 May - 9 Jun 2005. We'll have our own comfortable bus, and our own guide with years of experience and a degree in Scottish History. We'll see sights from Edinburgh Castle to Taransay Isle in the outer Hebrides and what lies in between.

Clan genealogist Dr Horace Loftin and Clan historian Beth Gay will be along to host the trip.

At this stage of planning, it's important that you let us know of your serious interest -- (though not your commitment) -- as soon as possible. We need this indication of interest to solidify our planning. Enrollment will be limited to twenty-four persons, so it will be "first come first served." Costs will be held down to a comfortable minimum.

This, our third Henderson Clan Tour of Scotland, is going to be great fun -- just ask someone who went on the earlier tours!

So, IMPORTANT, please let Horace or Beth Gay know of your interest in this tour right away. [See article on page 5.] You may get the tour brochure from the clan Web site at [www.ClanHendersonUSA.org](http://www.ClanHendersonUSA.org).



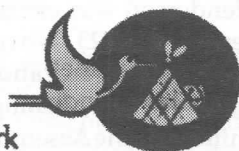
Flowers of the Forest

Clan member Ronald MacDonald passed away on 6 July 2004. A memorial service was held on 17 July 2004 in Illinois. Ron was an ardent supporter of Hendersons whether at a clan gathering, convening a tent, or, for many years, working to put on the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair. Anyone wishing to send a card to his wife Linda can send it to: 677 Monaco Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025-5331.

Robynne M. Pennington notified us that her mother Evelyn H. Pennington passed away 25 March 2004 in Aurora, Colorado. The address is 7440 Richthofen Place, Denver, CO 80220-3118; phone: (303) 759-1503. Evelyn had just turned 85 on 5 March.

Roy Henderson passed away 11 August 2004 in Sun City, California. His daughter Mary Callopy reports that his last years were enjoyable in the warm sunshine, with birds and squirrels at his window, home cooked meals, and his daughter nearby.

Horace Loftin reports that Shirely Henderson Corlew died on 21 August 2004 in Springfield, Illinois.



MacStork

Daughter Jorja Henderson was born 19 March 2004 to Gary and a Henderson of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Daughter Emma was born on 19 September 2003 to Wendy and Mark Woodside of Woodinville, Washington. Her proud grandparents are Dr. John T. and Beverly Henderson.

## Useful Henderson Research Tools Available

By Horace Loftin

We have produced (and have others in the works) a series of booklets which contain ALL the Hendersons in 1850, 1860 and/or 1870 Censuses for states of special importance in tracking down those "hidden Hendersons." 1850 is, of course, the first census year in which all family members are listed. The booklets present, county by county, all Hendersons in residence, their birth years, state born in, and occasional notes on individuals and families. All names are indexed and cross-referenced to the county entries.

They also include the identification numbers used by R. H. (Bob) Henderson of Greer, South Carolina, and also those of the Clan Henderson data base for all individuals in our records. You are invited to contact me for genealogies of Hendersons so identified.

I use these constantly in my work as Clan Genealogist, and I believe you will find them excellent research tools.

To order, specify the booklets you want and send check made out to "Clan Henderson Society," to Horace Loftin, PO Box 86, Beaufort NC 28516, (252) 728-1548. Prices include postage.

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# Alexander Henderson

By David S. Henderson FSA

Alexander Henderson was a Scottish Presbyterian divine and diplomatist born circa 1583. In Criech parish, Fifeshire. He was a Henderson of Fordell, with descent from James Henderson, First Laird of Fordell, Lord Advocate, in 1494.

His father was a tenant farmer (feuar) and a cadet of the Henderson of Fordell House. In December 1599 he matriculated at the college of St. Salvator, St. Andrews, and graduated in 1603. Soon afterwards he joined the faculty and he was licensed to preach in 1611 and between 1613 and 1611 he was put in parochial charge of Leuchars, in Fifeshire, by the archbishop of St. Andrews. The Presbyterian parishioners resented this appointment.

In a few years his views began to agree with the prevailing sentiment around him with regard to church government. In August 1616 he took the Presbyterian side at the Aberdeen Assembly.

In 1630 a royal mandate necessitated the adoption in Scotland of the English prayer book and church order. Henderson's opposition to these innovations resulted in his promotion to Sterling in September of 1631 and to Dumbarton in 1632. In 1635, after King Charles' visit to Scotland, a service book and canons, on the English model were drawn; but the new prayer book was finally adjusted in December 1636; and the attempt to enforce its use caused an outburst of popular feeling, placing Henderson the head of a strong movement for Presbyterianism. John Spotiswood, Archbishop of St. Andrews, carrying out an English Parliament order, charged the clergy of his diocese to use copies of the service book in public and directed moderators of the several presbyteries to comply. In the presbytery of St. Andrews, Henderson, with two others, refused to obey. They were served with an order to use the book within fifteen days under penalty of imprisonment. Henderson petitioned the government to suspend the order on the ground that the book had not been ratified by the General Assembly or by Parliament. The government relented and addressed the king on the subject regarding the discontent, asking him to summon a deputation to London. The answer of Charles was a peremptory injunction of conformity. Henderson's example was followed by many petitioners in the name of nobility, clergy and burgesses who had gone to Edinburgh; and the Earl of Sutherland made a protest to the government. Communications between Edinburgh and London served only to make clearer the

unyielding attitude of Charles. Henderson advanced objection to the government's position, not simply to the service book, but to the presence of bishops in the government as inimical to liberty. At a meeting of the petitioners in October while the populace of Edinburgh was in dangerous ferment, this document was adopted and signed.

On 20 February 1638, the government was to meet at Sterling and proclaim the petitioners' meeting as treasonable. The petitioners immediately protested the government's proclamation; and this event was repeated on the 22nd at Edinburgh. On the next day, amid great turmoil, Henderson proposed a renewal of the solemnity of national subscription to a bond of common faith and action, which caused a response of popular enthusiasm which spread over the whole country.

The instrument henceforth known as the "national league and covenant" was prepared on 27 February and consisted of a document known as the "king's confession" or the "negative confession," followed by a recital of numerous acts of Parliament against "superstitious and papistical rites" and concluded with an elaborate oath to maintain "the true reformed religion." In the afternoon of Wednesday, 18 February 1638, this covenant was read in the Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh, after prayer by Henderson and an address by Lord Ludon. The Earl of Sutherland was the first to sign it. In March a copy was sent for signature to every parish in Scotland. The University of St. Andrews and Aberdeen formerly condemned the document. Henderson's diplomatic ability was conspicuous in the skill and firmness with which he met the tactics of James Hamilton, third marquis of Hamilton, sent as the king's commissioner to procure renunciation of the covenant. King Charles was ready to put down the movement by force of arms.

The burgh of Dundee made Henderson a burgess on the basis of his public services. His name is given as "Henrysoune" on the burgess document.

Henderson was elected moderator of the General Assembly on 23 November 1638, at which the presbyterian organization of the Scottish church was reconstituted on existing lines. Royal commissioner Hamilton left the Assembly declaring it to be dissolved. However, proceedings were continued on the constitutional ground that the king's right to convoke did not interfere with the church's independent right to hold assemblies.

King Charles issued a proclamation on 27 February

1639, treating the Assembly's attitude as inimical to monarchy and took up arms, reaching Berwick on May 28th. Henderson was one of the commissioners who arranged the pacification of Berwick, after much personal discussion with King Charles. King Charles was satisfied with Henderson's loyalty and spoke highly of his ability and prudence. As a result, the Assembly was left an open question, but its policy was confirmed and King Charles promised to convene an Assembly each year.

By this time, Henderson had an Edinburgh charge; and on 4 May 1638, the town council elected him as one of its city ministers. He was promoted to the charge of the high kirk in January 1639.

At the Edinburgh General Assembly in August of 1639, Henderson was again proposed as a moderator; but declined.

On 21 August 1640, Henderson was with the covenanting army, crossing the border to New Castle-on-Tyne and Durham before the end of the month. Disclaiming war, he petitioned the King to relieve their grievances.

Representatives of the covenanting army and the King met at Ripon on 1 October, which meeting was adjourned to Westminster. On 14 November, Henderson reached London where he laid before Charles a plan for subsidizing the Scottish universities from the bishops' rents. He had been elected as rector of Edinburgh University by the town council and he was annually re-elected until his death. His work on behalf of the education of his country, both in the colleges and parochial schools, was great and successful. He introduced the teaching of Hebrew and honor classes and secured a monopoly in the teaching of Greek and logic.

A treaty with covenanters was ratified 7 August 1641, which promised conformity of church government in the two kingdoms, by which Henderson understood a uniform presbyterianism; but King Charles had taken care not to commit himself against a uniform episcopacy.

In July, he proposed a confession of faith, a catechism and a directory for worship. He pleaded that these forms should be binding on both kingdoms. The General Assembly placed the burden of drafting these forms on Henderson. He saw the necessity of cooperation with England. He did not conceive that England would embrace his form; therefore, a new form must be set upon for all of us, he said.

On 15 August 1642, King Charles was at Holyrood;

and Henderson preached before him. He was made royal chaplain and paid close attendance on Charles, who conceded all the covenanters' demands. The most rigid covenanters were offended by the favors paid to Henderson by King Charles.

The General Assembly appointed Henderson to frame their answer to a communication from the English Parliament; and in doing so; he urged his proposal upon an ecclesiastical uniformity. The English Parliament replied by inviting the General Assembly to send deputies to an Assembly of divines in England in November; but this meeting was delayed because the civil war had now broken out.

At this crisis, Henderson exercised all his diplomacy in the interest of neutrality. He even suggested that the queen should come from Holland to Scotland as a mediator.

Henderson was sent by the General Assembly to Oxford in February 1643, to urge the King to call a Parliament in Scotland. This negotiation was fruitless, but protracted until early May.

Henderson was elected as moderator to the Edinburgh General Assembly in August of 1643 for the third time.

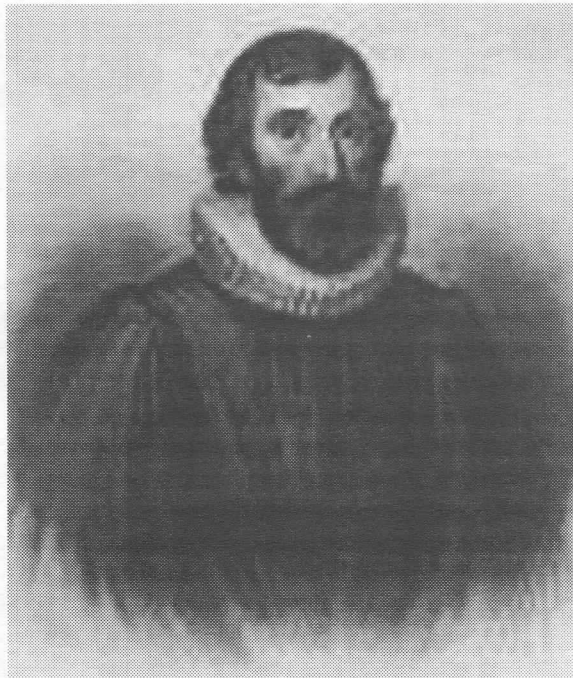
Henderson drafted the "solemn league and covenant" which was introduced to the Assembly on 17 August and unanimously adopted. Unlike the National Covenant of 1638, which applied to Scotland only, this document was common to both kingdoms, Scotland and England. It is an instrument of impressive power and singular skill vowing the extirpation of prelacy, but leaving the future question of church government to be determined by "the example of the best reform churches."

Henderson worked to draft a directory for worship and, with his scheme of uniformity, drafted an authorized psalm-book, a metrical version.

At the Uxbridge conference on 30 January 1645, Henderson was commissioned both by the Scottish Assembly and the English Parliament as manager of the proposed religious settlement.

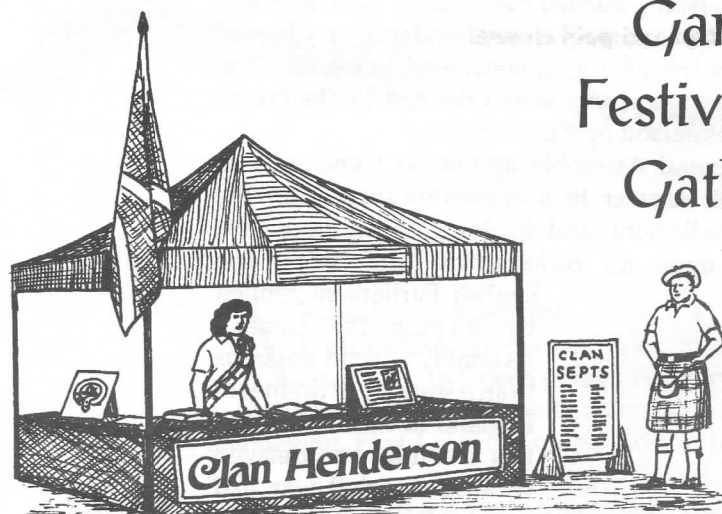
On 27 April 1646, King Charles left Oxford for the Scottish army, reaching New Castle on 13 May. In hope of inducing the King to take the "league and covenant" Henderson was sent for.

He proposed a personal correspondence between himself and the King with regard to the divine institution of episcopacy and the obligation of the coronation oath.



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# Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



## South Pacific Region

### Queen Mary Games 14-15 February 2004

By Joe Henderson

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen Mary Scottish Festival and Games were held on Valentine's Weekend at the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. The events were held both aboard the ship and in the park adjacent to the ship. The festival is held annually to celebrate the launching of the famous ship in Scotland and the numerous Scottish families and organizations in Los Angeles County.

The weekend started on Friday night with a special concert by Men of Worth in the Royal Theatre following a Whiskey tasting that featured six different whiskies. On Saturday evening, there was the annual Plaidpalooza, a free concert featuring Eric Rigler and Bad Haggis and the Los Angeles Scots Pipe Band. The festivities continued until late Sunday evening with an informal Kitchen Piping Competition with many of the pipers who had competed in the formal competitions during the day.

The weather was perfect all weekend for the athletic and pipe band competitions, and the sheep dog demonstrations that were held outside. Inside the famous ship, the clans area, vendors and entertainment area were accommodated in a three deck high exhibit hall that once housed one of the massive boilers and engines that drove the ship across

the seas. During the festival, we enjoyed the music of Men of Worth, Alex Beaton, the Celtic Band "Lalla Rookh" and Bad Haggis. The piping competitions were held on the open decks, while the dance competitions, country dancing performances and the Queen Mary Classic Dart Tournament were held in several of the salons of the ship.

Fifty-four other clans were represented at the festival along with Clan Henderson. Each morning, a traditional presentation of a haggis was performed. After Robert Burns's Address to the Haggis was recited, the haggis was served to the visitors who had watched the ceremony. For many of them, it was their first taste of the dish. There were even a few who went back for a second serving.

### Tartan Day Family Gathering Ardenwood Farm, Fremont, California

3 April 2004

by Suzanne Henderson Emerson

The Tartan Day event at Ardenwood Farm is a small, local event. Due to its small size, the clans and vendors were interspersed in the same area. The Henderson tent was next to a vendor from Oregon who sold family history printouts and crests. The proprietor was quite interested in some of the reproductions of ancient maps on display at the Clan Henderson tent, including the Gerhard Mercator 1595 map of Scotland. (See article in Summer 2004 An Canach regarding available Henderson Origins overlay on Joan Blaeu's 1654 map). I explained that paper reprints and CD versions that can be printed on canvas or other materials

are available at very reasonable prices from the National Library of Scotland, and can be viewed on-line at [www.nls.uk/digitallibrary](http://www.nls.uk/digitallibrary).

Visitors to the Clan Henderson tent included Kieran Henderson, who performs in a reenactment group that attends many of the local highland games. Several other former or potential members visited as well.

The highlight of the games from our perspective was all the animals at the farm available for petting or watching. The bunnies and goats were a big hit with our toddler.

### Livermore Scottish Highland Games Livermore, California 15-16 May 2004

by Suzanne Henderson Emerson

The Livermore Scottish Highland Games was at risk of blowing away. Fairly early Saturday morning, as winds kicked up at Robertson Park in Livermore, tents started blowing over. The occasional clan tent had to be chased after as it tumbled across the parking lot adjacent to Clan Row. Everyone took the wind more seriously after a beer tent blew over onto an elderly woman, necessitating an ambulance ride to a medical facility to assure she was uninjured.

Fortunately, we had acquired a couple of tie downs of the type used to secure small planes to their airport parking places. Our problem was that we did not have anything good to tie them down to - so we ended up using our drink cooler and a stack of supply boxes as the weights to keep our tent secure. Fortunately, we were not one of the clans to have a tent





**Dr. John William Philp Henderson of Fordell**

Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson

Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

Born 18 January 1919

Married 29 August 1944

Died 27 September 2004 at St Andrew's Toowoomba Hospital  
Funeral 4 October 2004 at Toowoomba (T S Burstow Funeral Chapel)

All,

It is with much sadness that we advise you that Dr, John W.P. Henderson of Fordell, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, died on 27 September 2004 in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia.

Funeral services for Dr. John W.P. Henderson will be held Monday, 4 October in Toowoomba. The Clan Henderson Society of the USA will have a floral display delivered to the Henderson residence in Toowoomba on Monday morning. In observance of this solemn occasion, it is requested that each family observe a thirty second period of silence to honor our fallen Chief at 6.00 p.m. EST Sunday, October 3rd.

Additionally, a period of mourning will exist within the Clan Henderson Society of the USA from Monday, October 4 until the end of the current calendar year. All crests currently held by Commissioners and conveners will be draped with a black covering across the top and down the sides, when used for display. A black streamer may be attached at the top of all tartan flags that are used for public display, the streamer to be no longer than eighteen inches when attached to the flagpole on which the tartan flag is mounted. Individuals may wear a black ribbon on their nametag or an armband on the left arm, on which the clan crest should be displayed.

Our Chaplain will provide a short memorial service during the annual general meeting held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

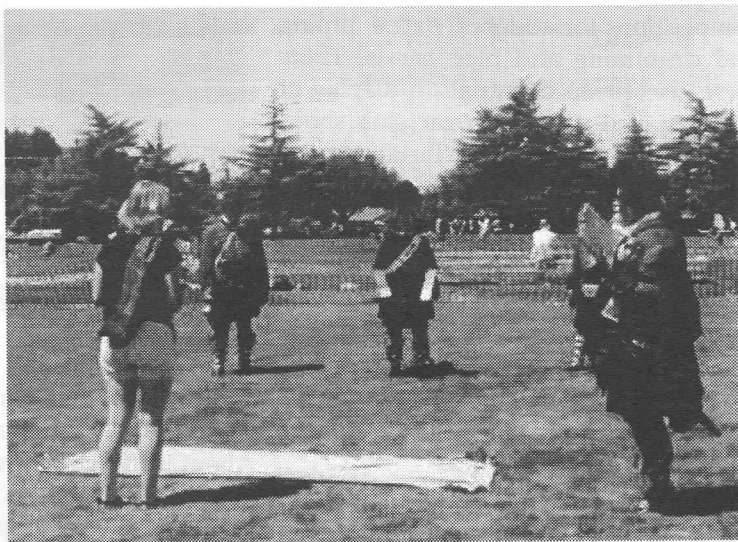
This is an especially hard time for many of us but we shall persevere, being proud of our heritage and the knowledge that our great leader has joined his ancestors, to live in peace forever more. Aye, the Chief is dead - long live the new Chief!

Yours, Aye - - -

Rex A. Maddox, President



Hilary Henderson and Katie Emerson at Henderson tent at Campbell, CA Games



Hilary Henderson participating in Haggis Toss competition at Campbell, CA Games

go tumbling away!

Once the winds died down, the highlight of the games for Katie, our 2-year-old daughter, was meeting "the Queen." I believe this group is active with a local Renaissance Faire, and had several tents set up near Clan Row. With much fanfare, visitors were announced and escorted to a private audience with the well-costume Queen and her entourage. After exchanging pleasantries and attempting to get our toddler to speak, the Queen's handmaidens presented each of us with small ribbons on pins as "favors" of the Queen.

Another attraction at the Livermore games was the Hennigan Spinning Frisbee K9 troop of Frisbee-playing dogs. This group of about a dozen border collies in red, white, and blue jackets specialized in catching numerous Frisbees tossed simultaneously.

Back at the Clan Henderson tent, we enjoyed visits from member Susan Spiegel of Palo Alto, along with visits from Stephen Henderson of Vallejo, Rick Ewing of Elk Grove, Mike and Jennifer Henderson of San Jose, Steve Henderson of Walnut Creek, and Kieran Henderson of Hayward.

## Costa Mesa Games

29-30 May 2004

By Joe Henderson

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Highland Gathering and Festival were held on 29-30 May at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, California. The United Scottish Society of Southern California sponsored the festival and

games, which are traditionally the largest event in Southern California.

The weather was warm and sunny all weekend for all of the activities. During the festival, we were entertained with a wide variety of Scottish and Celtic music performed by Alex Beaton, Alasdair Fraser, Bad Haggis, The Browne Sisters & George Cavanaugh, Stand Easy and Tempest. Twenty-one pipe bands were entered in both band and individual competitions, including the world champion Simon Fraser University Pipe Band of British Columbia, Canada, Juvenile World Champion, Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band and the Los Angeles Scottish Pipe Band.

Sixty clan tents, including Clan Henderson, were set up at the festival to represent their clan membership. Thirty Henderson cousins and their families visited our tent. We welcome Clan Henderson newest members, Judith Freeman and June Richards, who joined during the festival.

The weekend festival began Friday night with a whiskey tasting followed by a concert with Alex Beaton and Alasdair Fraser at the Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel, near the fairgrounds. The festivities continued at the hotel on Saturday night with a "Rockin' Ceilidh" featuring the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band and a Kitchen Piping and Drumming competition.



## San Diego County Games

19-20 June 2004

By Joe Henderson

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering were held 19-20 June at the Bregle Regional Park in Vista, California.

The weather didn't want to cooperate with the games this year. Saturday started with light rain that finally stopped at one o'clock. A few hearty souls dared to brave the rain to see the events, which went on as scheduled. The weather was such that Chief Dugald MacTavish of Dunardry commented that it reminded him of a fine summer day in Scotland. Of course the rain didn't stop the competitions and entertainment. Sunday's weather was better. In the morning, the skies were gray and cloudy, but by eleven o'clock, the sun finally came through the marine layer and gave us a picture perfect afternoon. Sunday's attendance also increased and made the festival enjoyable.

We were entertained during the festival with the music of the Wicked Tinkers, Men of Worth, Ken and Phee Graydon, Kris Colt and the Black Rose Band and a new group, Highland Way, as well as the sounds of fourteen pipe bands.

Clan Henderson and sixty-three clan tents were set up to represent their membership at the festival. Twelve Henderson cousins and their families visited our tent, including James Henderson, who joined Clan Henderson during last year's festival.

The gathering had the usual



competitions for athletics, dance, piping and drumming and pipe bands. There were also sheep dog trials, a display of falconry, and a triumph car club show. Sunday's Kirkin' O' The Tartan service was inspiring and impressive.

## Campbell Highland Games Campbell, California

26 June 2004

by Suzanne Henderson Emerson

Having been forced out of its usual venue at the Campbell Community Center last year during the Center's renovation, the organizers were thrilled to be back at the Center this year. Vendors and those of us hosting clan tents were not so thrilled. The Center's revised rules prohibited people from driving on their newly-sodded fields, meaning those of us with car-loads of gear could not drop that gear off anywhere near where our tent was to be set up. Event organizers had arranged for several golf carts, including flat-bed style carts, to shuttle gear from people's cars to their tent sites. But the number of carts available was nothing compared to the number of people needing them.

Fortunately, we managed to flag down a cart fairly promptly for our morning setup. My sister, Hilary Henderson, was assisting at the games, and 2-year-old Katie Emerson was in charge of looking cute in her Scottish costume. We brought along a couple of "kiddy cabers" made of foam, which were a good tossing weight for toddlers. We enjoyed seeing the birds of prey and the Scottish dogs. Hilary participated in the Haggis Toss, but tossed that haggis just a little too hard to win a prize. Katie enjoyed blowing bubbles with a Bubble Sword in the children's area.

Fearing it would be impossible to get a cart to haul out our gear if we waited until everyone else broke down their tents that evening, and not wanting to haul the gear out myself given that I was six months pregnant, we reluctantly broke down our tent a bit early and requested use of a cart to carry the gear out. We received a stern reprimand for requesting to leave half-an-hour early, but considered that to be the better of the alternatives.

South West Region  
Joseph H. McEldowney Jr.  
Commissioner

## The Arizona Highland Festival At Flagstaff

By Rex Maddox

A beautiful day in Flagstaff—clear skies and temperature around 80 at the hottest time of the day! About thirty clans present for this event gathered in semi-circle rows on a ball diamond at the city park. The pub tent (entertainment) was at home plate and athletics took place on an adjacent field. Vendors were placed along the third base line and included those dealing in Scottish and Irish goods as well as the usual food tents. It was a different sort of layout, but then most of the events I have convened have had some new 'wrinkle' not seen previously.

Merle Henderson helped set up the tent and came back later in the day with his wife, Karen. Kent and Laura Helland, of Henderson, Nevada, along with their two boys helped out at the tent and also marched in the parade of tartans. Charles Henderson and wife, Gale, of Flagstaff became our newest members in Arizona. They seemed to be interested in helping with the convening at other events in Arizona and may well become our state convenors. Dick and Rissa Henderson dropped by in the afternoon and took a membership form with them. Later information from our membership secretary indicates Dick and Rissa have joined the Society. Marcia Snyder, a Henderson and member of Clan Gunn came by the tent and spoke with numerous visitors. She also renewed her membership for another year.

Among the entertainers at this event were Alex Beaton, Oceans Apart and the



Wicked Tinkers. The latter group have become very popular since starting out a few years ago with a performance in St. Paul, Minnesota where we saw them while attending that event and visiting with Alice Henry, former Commissioner of the North Central region. It's always a pleasure to see old friend Alex Beaton at any event and he continues to be popular with all age groups – a fine vocalist.

There are three events annually in Arizona and I may be attending one or both of the others to assist in convening the Henderson tent. I enjoy meeting cousins, wherever they may live, am always interested in seeing that we are represented at any event. This was another of those where I had a Henderson cousin stop by the tent and exclaim

"Gee, I didn't know the Hendersons were Scottish." We'll keep looking for them!





Ellen Bentley with President Rex at the Clan Henderson Tent at the Athena, Oregon Caledonian Games, July 2004.

## Athena, Oregon Caledonian Games A Second Appearance for the Hendersons

By Rex Maddox

This event is another of those that usually have a handful of clans represented. This year, however, there were fifteen present, along with the St. Andrews Society of Portland, and the weather cooperated by making the weekend beautiful. Unfortunately, although this event was advertised for three days, all of the clans, with the exception of Henderson and three others, folded their tents at the end of Saturday and went home. I find it difficult to understand why the clans don't want to stay for the Sunday crowd—that day is often the one weekend day when many families can attend such an event.

We met several Hendersons who had not been at the Caledonian Games two years previous when I last attended this event. Among them were Gayle Weatherson of Echo, Oregon and Chris Kendrick of Pendleton. Debbie Henderson of Athena stopped by only long enough to sign the guest register, not waiting to receive her copy of An Canach and a brochure that explains the Clan and Society. I attempted to reach her later by phone but was unsuccessful. Several other families, including what seemed like all the Clarks in the state, received referral to clans not present. Probably the one clan that did receive numerous personal referrals was Cian, the sole Irish clan present. Patrick Durnin is a chieftain in this clan and we meet often at events in the northwest. His charming spouse, Pat, provides assistance in talking with the many people of Irish descent who come by their tent.

This event appears to be well advertised and serves as the premier event in the northwest for competition by the border collie community. There were over seventy dogs competing on Saturday and a few were scheduled on Sunday, as well. Clans at this event are more or less secluded and rarely see a pipe band or other activity normally associated with a Highland Games. There were, however, several appearances on a dance stage by a group of Irish step dancers, which received accolades from Clan Cian. Perhaps our critique of the event will

## Gillette, Wyoming and the "Big Sky"

By Rex Maddox

When in this part of Wyoming, you're not yet into "Big Sky" country – that's really further west, in Montana – but the weather in Gillette the weekend I was there was so great that it might as well have been in the "Big Sky" area. Clear skies, temperatures in the mid 70's and a low humidity made for an ideal weekend to set up the Henderson tent.

There were eight other clans represented at this event and quite a bit of visitation between them took place during the two days we were there. Most of us found it to be a necessity due to the lack of a crowd to enjoy the outdoors and wonderful weather. I had expected to see quite a few Hendersons in Gillette, but that was not to be and I actually felt lucky to get visitors to the tent, regardless of surname. I was fairly busy with people looking to establish their Scottish heritage while I was representing COSCA and did refer several families and individuals to one or the other of the clans present. In addition, I took reference cards for several other clans, which have been forwarded for their action.

I don't know if I would recommend our setting up the tent at this event again – the lack of publicity and small population which is very secluded from the rest of the area, are two factors to be considered when computing the expense involved in setting up at such an event. It is unlikely that the fourth Gillette Highland Games will see a Henderson tent.

North Pacific Region  
W. Dean Henderson  
Commissioner

Cousins,

This is Cousin Ellen Bentley with President Rex at the Clan Henderson Tent at the Athena, Oregon Caledonian Games, July 2004. I attended the games to represent the Prosser, Washington, Scottish Fest, of which I am current chair. I enjoyed meeting and visiting with Rex and invited him to attend our games next year, June 18, 2005 when he visits his daughter in Idaho. I wish that I had headed to the clan tents earlier... If I had remembered to look at my An Canach I would have seen that Rex and the clan would be there!

I invite all Henderson cousins to join us in the heart of Washington wine country next June. Check out [www.prosserchamber.org/scottish\\_games.htm](http://www.prosserchamber.org/scottish_games.htm)

Yours aye, cousin

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rectify the seclusion experienced by the Cians at this event.

Mid East Region  
Leon Hicks  
Commissioner

## Potomac Celtic Festival

Leesburg, Virginia

12-13 June 2004

by Christian Garin  
Deputy to the Commissioner,  
Mid-East Region

**W**e started the weekend with a rather promising weather forecast. It had rained most of the week and we expected the grounds to be soggy, but there was no rain in the forecast. Saturday lived up to our expectations but the vehicular traffic of vendors and clan representatives, exacerbated by the constant traffic of festival staff golf carts soon turned the soggy grounds into yet another mud field, reminiscent of the previous year.

Leon Hicks was there in the early hours of the morning and with his help and that of Michael Maddox and son Zekan, the Henderson tent was up and running in no time. The rest of the day saw a steady flow of visitors and new members or renewing members. The usual fare and refreshments were offered to our guests after the opening ceremonies. Pat and Rex Maddox had set up their COSCA tent next to us, and were extremely busy throughout the weekend, with Rex helping at both tents.

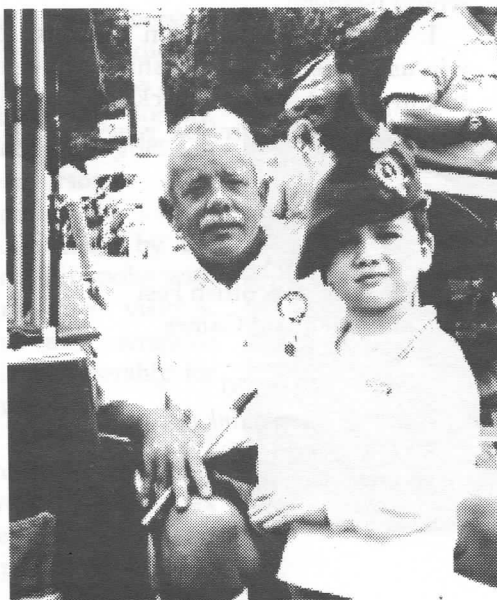
Sunday began with an unexpected and disappointing steady rain that lasted over an hour, just prior to the official opening of the festival grounds to the public, and it did not help the already muddy conditions on the field. The good news is that Leon and I had collapsed the tent canopy and display the night before so everything was safe and dry; the bad news is that we had to wait for the weather to clear before setting up again and we were barely done when the gates opened to the public. Anne Hicks added her special touch to the set up and the rest of the day went smoothly with lots of food and beverages for our guests and helpers. We even got a little sunshine



Our own Pat Maddox helping visitors in the COSCA tent at Leesburg.

prior to the closing of the festival and were able to take the display down and pack it dry, ready for the next event. Thanks to all who helped break down and load the truck.

Visiting members included Kathleen Henderson Kuhn of Silver Spring, Maryland, Don and Darlene Henderson of Centreville, Virginia, Keith Collins of Brunswick, Maryland, and John Paul Henderson of Washington, DC. We welcome new members Tom Gross of Washington, DC and Aimee Henderson of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Renewing their memberships were Steve and Yvonne Henderson of Fredericksburg, Virginia and also Ernest and Joan Girardin, of Hagerstown, Maryland, whom we also thank for their additional donation to the clan.



## Virginia Scottish Games Alexandria, Virginia

24-25 July 2004

by Christian Garin

**G**ainesville, Virginia, Saturday 24 July, 4:30 a.m. I cannot believe the alarm clock beeps already. I am still jet-legged from my 48 hours ago return from my trip to Vancouver Island out on the West Coast. I wish I could just unplug the bugger and sleep another twelve hours, but this is not a good time to be sluggish! I am to meet my fellow convenors, friends and cousins, Laura Henderson and husband Tom, on some parking lot in Manassas at 6:15. The truck is already loaded with the "stuff" but I still need to load the coolers with all the goodies that have been stored in my two refrigerators. I hit the road at 5:45 and a mile later; realize that the magnum of champagne is left behind. Good thing this was only a mile later (what would we have done? Cancelled?). At 6:05, I am on the parking lot in Manassas - Laura, Tom? Where are you? That's fine - I forgot the ice too, so plenty of time to buy a couple of bags at the gas station nearby. OK, we got the ice; Laura and Tom show up, even Waffle, our local Henderson mascot is there after her sudden and scary illness. Tom also brought a cooler full of goodies. Though this is the third time he does this with me, he seems to know how to complement my menu of the day. Later, he will set the table for our guests and his presentation



will be worthy of a three star award on the Michelin Guide.

We all hit the road and show up at the gate short of 7 a.m. We find our spot and the tent is up and ready for the first visitors in no time. The weather forecast is uncertain. We are well surrounded with the COSCA "crew" next to us and Clan Graham, the now traditional field lay out we always sort of look forward to since we all look after each others. Let the Games begin! Who's got coffee?

A slow morning first, with few visitors. So what do Hendersons do when they are not busy? They entertain one another. I start that trend with a crisis - showing up with dorky looking white running shoes on my feet, since I forgot my loafers; quite embarrassing when you wear the kilt; I am told that I look like a Catholic School girls PE teacher from the waist down.... First comes Leon Hicks to my rescue, with son Greg's shoes. This is a good start, but these shoes would be great for diving, as they would take you straight to the bottom, being so heavy. Since beggars cannot be choosers, I enjoy them for an hour or so and have to wait for Zekan Maddox and Rex to go back home and get me a pair of lighter dress shoes that I will wear and smear for the rest of the day. Bet Zekan will think twice next time....

Despite the slow start, it turns out to be a great day. Visitors abound, many including members such as Leon Hicks and son Greg, Pat and Rex of course, grandson Zekan (the shoe hero) and girlfriend Beth, who is still trying to figure out why she is coming to these games ☺; Christi and Robert Heston are there, getting ready for their "COSCathon" with Pat; Russ Henderson is also there to support the troops and Don Henderson of Centreville visits us. Also the Bretts from NJ, where Ed is participating today in the Drum Major competitions (I am not the only one who forgot something today), while daughters will dance later to the tune of the Glengarry Bhoys under the main pub tent. Speaking of the Glengarry Bhoys... check them out at [www.glengarrybhoys.com](http://www.glengarrybhoys.com), my favorite group from Ontario, Canada. Today, I will get to see all three of their performances, thanks to the help of many who will do the job at the Henderson tent while I take a few breaks. (Thank you so much crew). Betsy Parey of Alexandria becomes our newest member and we welcome her

Right: It takes a clan to convene a tent and here are a few from Alexandria - Christian Garin, Rex Maddox, Carol Maley, Laura Henderson, and Leon Hicks.

Below: Ed Brett competing in Drum Major competition.



and husband Pierre to our family. The closing ceremonies for the day come too soon for me. I am almost over my jet-leg now but everyone's leaving, and it is time to shut down for the night, which we are told will be rainy.... And so will tomorrow ☺.

Sunday morning - again coming too soon after a late night of partying. But jet-leg must be over since I have not forgotten anything. Oops - where is my clean shirt? I drive down to the Game field about 45 miles away about an hour and half too early. No one is there. Let it rain! (That's a Glengarry Bhoys song too), a would be pun, except that now, it is really raining. A steady drizzle that will stay with us till late morning. Now, if yesterday morning was slow, I am running out of words to describe this one. So the Henderson's spend a lot of time entertaining one another again, and make numerous trips to the Hospitality tent. But the rain stops eventually and a gentle breeze dries everything in time for us to participate in the parade of the clans. We have more members visiting, to include Michael Maddox and Greg Schwartz, and finally Ann Hicks, just to make sure Leon stays awake and she also brings more food, in addition to her gracious presence. Other members stop by and sign the book, to include David Green and wife Kary Ann of Alexandria.

During the afternoon, we are blessed with the visit of Clan Membership Secretary Carol Maley who braved the weather, long drive from PA and the traffic to join us. We all sit around the tent, taking over half the public space with our chairs, and shoot the breeze, getting silly. We have a good time. Did I mention the Glengarry Bhoys?

Carol, Greg, Tom and I attend the last performance of the day by the Glengarry Bhoys, my second one this Sunday and fifth over the weekend. Greg, our PA friend, gets a good shot of my Quebec friend band fiddler, Shelley, (Quoi?) for my private collection (everybody knows that the "H" in Bhoys is for "HER"), while Tom tries in vain to get me on stage with her for the photo shoot of the year. But I am too shy this time. Won't let that happen again!

It is almost 5 p.m.. The "Bhoys" pack up their bus; the Games are over, and the Henderson's pack up their trucks. With all the help that we have, we take down the tent and pack everything in a record time of 19 minutes (a true record). Thanks for all the help. I will be home early tonight to unpack the truck and,... repack my suitcase for my business trip tomorrow! We will be back....





The Hendersons were there in Glasgow, Kentucky in early June. What a good-looking bunch!

the day we even got representatives of the Centerville Pipes and Drums, Carol Milner and her fiancé, to pipe us on our walkabout with Georgia Bodyguard James Clay and Anita in the vanguard, to much applause from the other clans. the evening drew on, pipers filtered one by one onto an island in the creek bed to serenade the clans. Their efforts were not unappreciated. Even the Scottish "coos" in their pens seemed pensive.

We had to return to Demorest and so missed the evening's gathering at a restaurant in the area. The next day Rev. Sanford was our representative at the Kirkin' of the Tartans on the field and afterwards the games continued until the heavens that had so far withheld their worst finally could hold it no longer and the deluge that had so threatened the games brought them to a close. No matter, the clans had gathered and the first of many Blairsville Scottish Festivals had been completed—and the Hendersons were there.

South East Region  
Harry J. Keifer  
Commissioner

## Blairsville Scottish Festival

By Edwin Hendricks

The inaugural day of the Blairsville Scottish Festival went off without a hitch and the Hendersons were there! Harry and Suzanne Keifer had the tent in fine shape and with the clear water stream behind and tree cover overhead, neither the brief light showers nor the episodes of blazing north Georgia sunshine much affected us. The location was indeed a wonder with the clans surrounding the games field, music venues literally around the bend and the vendors on the other side of the mountain; a veritable Highlander's paradise.

Upon entering the grounds I could tell the day was going to be a good one when I was greeted with an enthusiastic Henderson "Hello" from Cynthia (Henderson) Lance who was helping to run the tent. Immediately, I ran into Fred and Peggy Sanford, the clan chaplain and his wife, and we all moved down into the meadow that had become the athletic field.

After registering at the tent, we joined the tent activities with the children coming by for their obligatory stamps and the curious coming to check out the clan books, as we were the only tent with a COSCA banner.

We were well represented in the opening ceremonies with Peggy Sanford in the lead; the bodyguard represented by Dr. John Crane and myself (strange that the only armed ones among us were physicians), officers, and following all came Paula Helms with banner in hand. We made a fine show as usual. Later in

## Grandfather Mountain Games

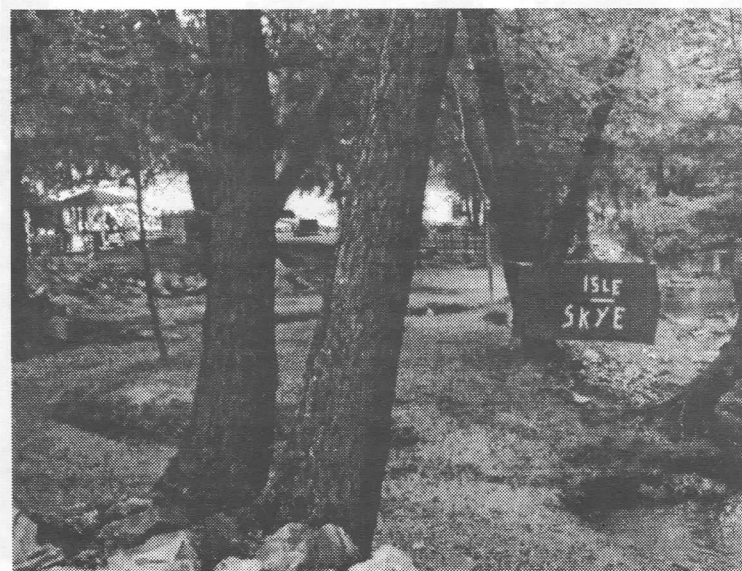
8-11 July 2004

by C. Fred Sanford, Clan Chaplain

This year's Grandfather Mountain Gathering of the Clans and Highland Games again lived

Below left: Imagine looking for an event site where you could have an Isle of Skye.

Below: A goodly collection of our leadership at Blairsville who are not often shown in An Canach.





up to its reputation as the model of a major Scottish festival in the Americas. Beginning on Thursday night with the torchlight ceremony, it lasted until Sunday afternoon with near-perfect weather until a sudden rainstorm hastened the closing ceremonies.

Commissioner Emeritus George Henderson convened the Henderson tent (a single tent this year instead of a double) in place of Harry and Suzanne Kiefer who could not attend. Over 50 entries were made in the tent sign-up sheet, with a constant flow of visitors who were greeted by a number of us who staffed the tent. Steven Saxon became a new member, with a number of potential members. Twelve Hendersons participated in the Saturday walkabout, led by members of the Loch Norman Pipe Band. Fifteen of us marched in Sunday's Parade of Tartans. Piper Kyle Henderson led the Sunday afternoon walkabout.

Members of his whole family, down to the grandchildren who carried banners and flags, joined Kyle, the first clan piper and son of former clan chaplain Doug Henderson.

High Commissioner David Henderson was present and joined an elite group at the Games for pictures for the brochure of next year's 50th Anniversary Gathering.



Grandchildren of Doug and Bonnie Henderson, at Grandfather Mountain Games, July 2004. Standing behind them is David Henderson, High Commissioner.

## Alexander Henderson from page 9

Henderson failed in this attempt and this failure broke his health. He was said to be "dying of heartbreak."

He went back to Edinburgh and died there on 19 August 1646, at his dwelling house. He was buried in St. Giles' churchyard, near the grave of John Knox. When the churchyard was formed into the Parliament Square, his body was removed to the ground of the Hendersons of Fordell in the Greyfriars' churchyard. George Henderson, his nephew; erected a monument but it was demolished by an order of Parliament in July of 1662; and it was restored during the revolution of 1689 and still stands today.

Henderson has had considerable influence on the history of Great Britain. He is one of the greatest men in the history of Scotland and, next to Knox, is certainly the most famous of Scottish ecclesiastics.

He had great political genius; he has made a deep mark on the history, not only in Scotland, but also of England and the existing Presbyterian churches in Scotland are largely indebted to him for the form of their dogmas and their ecclesiastical organization. He is thus justly considered the second founder of the reformed church in Scotland.

There are several portraits of Alexander Henderson in Scotland; one is a portrait at Fordell Castle.

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Alexander Henderson

# Ionnsaichadh Ar Canan

By John Robert Mallern

I received a very interesting inquiry from one of our cousins in Tennessee, and since his query is probably of common interest to every member of Clan Henderson, I will respond to his questions in this column.

First of all, what is the correct pronunciation of "Celtic"? There is no soft "C" in the Gaelic alphabet, so it would seem that "Celtic" should always be pronounced as "Keltic". Ah, but such is NOT always the case, eh?

This good clansman from Tennessee has relatives still living on the Kintyre Peninsula of Scotland who say "Seltic" instead of "Keltic", so there are apparent regional differences in how our ancestral language is spoken.

When I listen to the weekly broadcast of THISTLE & SHAMROCK, I notice that the Scottish hostess, Fiona Ritchie, says "Keltic" instead of "Seltic".

Also, Scottish Gaelic, just like English, is an evolving language, constantly adapting to the requirements dictated by changing times and conditions.

One individual I correspond with is an American whose family has steadfastly preserved their

Highlander language, traditions, and the old Celtic Church, even after several generations since their forbears left Scotland.

But, having been away from Scotland for so long, his family's language did NOT evolve, and now folks in Scotland remark that the language he uses is a "purer" form of *Gaidhlig* than that which is presently spoken in Alba.

As I struggle to learn even the simplest of phrases, I come to the conclusion that one must be born and raised in a *Gaidhlig* family to be able to master the intricacies of this language, as so often, the way a word or a phrase is pronounced seems to bear little relation to how it's spelled.

Our Tennessee cousin asked me to describe how I bless my food in *Gaidhlig*, so he can teach his NINETEEN (Congratulations!) grandchildren.

Please remember, I have no one to converse with, so I'm guessing at everything I'm doing. If you notice me making a mistake, I welcome your correction, for I would not unnecessarily offend God, who is Himself a Highlander, and therefore pays special attention to *Gaidhlig* prayers.

I am a "Mormon", and we always address God as "Father", we eschew memorized prayers, and we always do everything in the name of Jesus Christ.

So, here is how I ask a blessing on my meals:

*Mo Athair Dia a ta air Neamh,*

("My Father God in Heaven", pronounced "Moh Ah-air Jee-ah ah tah air Neev")

*Tapadh leibh air son mo biadh agus mo deoch.*

("Thank you for my food and drink", pronounced "Tah-pah leev

air shown moh bee-ah ah-gahs moh jook")

*Beannaich mo biadh agus mo deuch, ma se do thoil e.*

("Please bless my food and my drink", pronounced "Behn-nock moh bee-ah ah-gahs moh jook, mah sah doh hoyl a")

*An ainm a Iosa a Criosd,*

("In the name of Jesus the Christ", pronounced "Ahn ann-um ah Yosh-ah ah Kreest")

*Amen.*

("So be it", pronounced "ah-mayn")

I sure hope this is helpful, and I hope I didn't make any mistakes or unduly offend anybody.

I'm very VERY grateful for the MacDonald currently residing on the Isle of Lewis who sent a *Gaidhlig* edition of the New Testament and Psalms, without which I never could have learned even this much.

If you wish to purchase a Scottish Gaelic edition of the Holy Bible, you can do so at this web site:

[www.scottishbibles.com/acatalog/Scottish\\_Gaelic.html](http://www.scottishbibles.com/acatalog/Scottish_Gaelic.html)

Neat, huh?

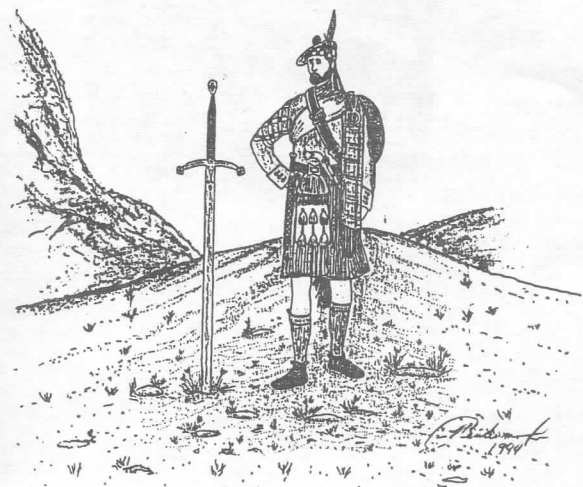
When you tuck your wee ones in their beds tonight, you can tell them, *Oiche mhath leibh!* means "Good night to you!", and is pronounced, "oy kyah vayh leev," or *Cadal Math!* means "Sleep well!", and is pronounced "kah-dahl mah".

In the morning, you might greet them with, *Madain mhath!* which means "Good morning!", and is pronounced "mah-tin vah".

*Feasgar math!* means "Good afternoon!", and is pronounced "fiss-ker mah".

*Lath math!* is "Good day!", and is pronounced "lah mah".

*Slainte mhath!*





## Lasting Memories

By Robert Lansing Henderson

Ribbons of cascading waterfalls, lush lime green mountains, smooth-as-glass lochs, flower-filled glens, charming villages, ancient castles and churches—along with pleasant conversations, great food, shopping, and warm and welcoming Scots—made for an unforgettable journey into the Highlands of Scotland for members of this Henderson family in June 2004. My wife Carol, our daughter Lisa, along with her Scottish-born fiancé, Gerry, made new and lasting memories. Carol and I were celebrating our 40th anniversary. Just after celebrating our grandson's first birthday and Carol's retirement. Gerry would drive over one thousand miles. What follows is a selected sampling of highlights...

Our foray began in Glasgow. We moved along lovely Loch Lomond where stones seemed to shimmer with silver. In Arrochar, we paused and enjoyed panoramic views along Loch Long. In the grandeur of Glencoe, we filled our lungs with refreshingly pure air. Twice we would drive through Glencoe and twice we would tarry at the Henderson (MacEanruig) Stone. Standing by the Henderson Stone we wondered: What was it like to be in Glencoe so many centuries ago? Compassion for those souls known only to God, and the hardships they endured, caused us to pause and survey our surroundings. Wildflowers seemed to abound. A horse was peacefully grazing in a nearby pasture. Quaint cottages completed an attractive and serene scene around us. We left quietly . . . with silent respect. In a nearby Ballachulish churchyard, a Scottish gentleman walking his black collie, (Scots love their dogs, just as we love ours) pointed to the distant burial place of the two clan chieftains slain in Glencoe during that night of infamy so long ago.

Our base of operations for a time was the bank of the River Ness near Nevis Bridge in Fort William. Spectacular scenery was at our doorstep. Glorious Glen Nevis and beautiful Ben Nevis took our breath away. Just as we would experience so often—sun, clouds and misty rain would compete across the face of entrancing mountains—to provide what could be called an ever-changing nature landscape of unlimited beauty. One moment, it would be the sun's turn to

serve as a spotlight, scanning across the rocks and vegetation—then clouds and mist would play their respective roles. The sheer beauty of it all would rekindle our love of Creation. God is the greatest set designer and director in our universe and beyond!

The Road to the Isles or *Rathad nan Eilean*, Ft. William to Mallaig train trip, was a treat for Carol and Bob. Lisa and Gerry chose to hike Ben Nevis near the great gushing waterfall, In Mallaig, while having lunch in a casual cafe—with wide and wonderful harbor views—two sociable Scottish seafarers sat at a table next to us. I nodded to them and they nodded back. Then the older gent with Braveheart hair, leaned over in our direction and asked, "Where have I seen you?" Suddenly, I knew why, since our arrival in Scotland, the Scots would do a double take when they could hear that

we were Americans. Could it be that we really looked like fellow Scots? Sure! Carol and I really enjoyed a pleasant and entertaining lunch with these likable lads. Yes, the gent with Braveheart hair said others told him he should have won a role in the movie. He surprised us when he smiled and then bellowed, "Freedom!" We left feeling like we had been accepted into a special sort of Scottish brotherhood and sisterhood. From our Fort William-to-Mallaig-and-return-ScotRail-route, we saw at least twenty stags—some grazing in a pasture not far from the Highlander Monument in Glenfinnan—and three impressive specimens standing and then running along ridge lines up forested hills within thirty feet or so of the train. This Road to the Isles route is on the list of the BBC's 10 Great Railway Journeys of the World. We would not disagree with the BBC. The ride includes the famous West Highland Line viaduct. At various points along the way, and in memorable Mallaig, one could see in the misty distance the Isle of Skye, our soon-to-be next objective.

Picturesque palm trees would be seen in pretty Plockton and later in Portree and Oban. Diminutive Domie and colorful Kyle of Lochalsh were explored. From Loch Carron and Broadford Bay on the Isle of Skye, misty images of Irishman's Point, the Isle of

Carol, Bob, and daughter Lisa visiting the Henderson Stone in Glencoe



Rum and mountains beyond were enjoyed. Daughter Lisa found an old green Belfast bottle along Skye's windswept shore. (Our minds returned to our finding of an old green Kilmamock bottle along the sandy shore of our Folly Island, South Carolina, after a hurricane years ago.) Eagles could be seen in the sky while on Skye. In Portree, a rainbow row of buildings remotely reminded us of Rainbow Row in Charleston, South Carolina. After days of seeing sheep-covered hillsides at a distance everywhere, we were finally greeted up-close by shaggy Highland cattle and sheep on the road while returning from Plockton. Great photo opportunity!

Fort Augustus and the picturesque walk out to Loch Ness along the waterway bordered by the old Benedictine Abbey is not to be missed. Unique-looking Uriguhart Castle can't be missed along this "home-of-elusive-Nessie" loch. Unfortunately, the perennial Uriguhart piper was missed due to pelting precipitation. In Inverness, as we were being seated in a restaurant, there was another "encounter." As I glanced at another bearded patron seated nearby, and he glanced at me, it was as if both of us were looking into a mirror. We greeted each other with nods and smiles. Before leaving, this personable man came to our table and we had a rewarding conversation. As it turned out, he was a retired Curator of the British Museum of Art now living on the Isle of Skye. Perhaps we share some DNA from a common ancestor, as his surname is Taylor. That surname is found in our Henderson family along with other surnames of Scottish origin: Wallace, McAdam, McIlvaine, Gregg, Cargill, Steele, Jackson, Marshall, Morrison and others. Our heritage is strong and sure!

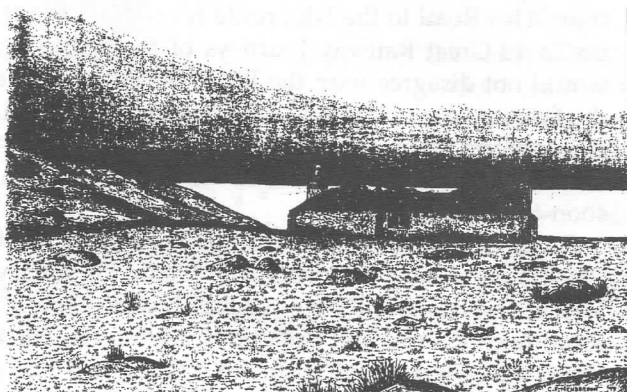
A Victorian villa was our home while visiting Oban. It is certainly a "must see" town offering sweeping views across the harbor toward the Isle of Mull. To me, hungry and weary, Oban offers restful retreats and a flourishing food center along an eye-pleasing and expansive waterfront. From Oban, we slowed our pace to experience full enjoyment of Loch Awe, and focused on the Trossachs and Rob Roy country.

As we moved through the Trossachs, it seemed as if the alpine timberline and tree types changed and thickened. Weathered stone railroad viaducts, miniatures when compared to the West Highland Line viaduct—along with contrasting mountain rock

textures, changing sunlight and greenery—acted in concert to provide vivid and indelible impressions. Captivating Callander, along with its Meadow Park, provides a respite for tired travelers. The brick-red bridge, lake, willows, swans, goosanders and various visiting waterfowl offered a picture to be remembered. After searching along a nearby gravel road and finding both the ancient weatherworn and present Balquhiddie Churches, we found the grave of the famous outlaw and hero, Rob Roy MacGregor, along with that of his wife and son in the churchyard cemetery. It was interesting to note that the group supporting preservation of these churches is located on Henderson Row in Edinburgh. Between Callander and Doune, we would see and photograph the largest and longest horned shaggy Highland bull while it was being filmed by a professional cameraman. As we neared Sterling, we would have as our next photo subject, Doune Castle, as viewed from the grounds of a greystone church at a similar elevation.

Sterling Castle's hill was conquered. From that vantage point, we could see Sterling Bridge below and our next objective, the National Wallace Monument, in the distance. Before leaving Sterling Castle, we could not miss seeing the monument to Robert the Bruce showing the Scottish sovereign on horseback, ready for battle. Our walking in Sterling was interrupted by a strange phenomenon: Hailstones fell during a sunny afternoon hour causing us to take shelter on the portico of the reddish William Wallace tower type structure in town. Soon we would walk The Royal Mile up to Edinburgh Castle. Our hotel in Edinburgh, near Christopher Hill Nature Preserve, was the site of a Scottish wedding reception and we witnessed the piping and arrival of kilted guests. As we traveled about, various kilt makers and merchants were seen—little kilt and tiny tartan tam-o'-shanter for our grandson—done! Double-decker buses were used for sightseeing and shopping in Edinburgh. Looking back, we preferred slower-paced strolls in charming villages with shops and simple but sturdy cottages with flourishing flower gardens (roses especially seem to thrive in the abundant Scottish rainfall) rather than larger busy cities.

Our journey's end had come so quickly. All memorable fun-filled times that this account can't convey, can be found in our collective family record. This is our loving gift to our precious grandson, Dylan Lansing Henderson. In it can be found Carol's personal daily journal with pressed flowers, Lisa's and Gerry's hundreds of photos and Bob's hours of video. Someday, our son Lance with wife Angel and son Dylan may see Scotland. But, our short thread of time may not give us opportunity to go with our Dylan to again see our ancestral home. So, someday, years from now, our grandson will read, see, hear, remember, and know of our unforgettable journey and lasting memories.





# Ar Oran Agus Ar Ceol

By John Robert Mallernee

One of the most beloved of traditional Scottish folk songs is **Wild Mountain Thyme**, also known as **WILL YE GO LASSIE?**, which has been recorded by just about every popular singer you might name.

On her weekly broadcast of **Thistle & Shamrock**, the program's Scottish hostess, Fiona Ritchie referred to **Wild Mountain Thyme** as the unofficial national anthem of Scotland.

I'm pleased to see that **Wild Mountain Thyme** is in our own *Clan Henderson Songbook* (do you have a copy?), although I sing it a little differently, having learned an additional verse which isn't shown in our clan's songbook.

When I did a search on the Internet, I found the song was composed by either Francis McPeake, Jimmy McPeake (the same person?), or far more likely, by Scottish poet, Robert Tannahill (1774 - 1810) of Paisley, the lyrics were originally known as **The Braes Of Balquidder** (pronounced "Balwhither"), printed circa 1742.

Robert Tannahill's version of the song appeared in the 1818 edition of the *Pocket Encyclopaedia Of Scotch, English, And Irish Songs Ii*, but it was published in magazines before that.

In the version I learned (and I can't remember where I found it on the Internet), the phrase "purple heather" is used in the verses, while "bloomin' heather" is reserved for the chorus only.



By the way, I'm VERY pleased and excited about our *Clan Henderson Songbook*, for it has songs about Clan Henderson, which I didn't know existed!

So, here are the song's lyrics, as they appear in our *Clan Henderson Songbook*:

## Wild Mountain Thyme

### VERSE # 1:

Oh, the summertime is coming  
And the trees are sweetly blooming  
And the wild mountain thyme  
Grows around the bloomin' heather.  
Will ye go lassie, go?

### CHORUS:

And we'll all go together  
To the wild mountain side  
All around the bloomin' heather.  
Will ye go, lassie go?

### VERSE # 2:

I will build my love a tower  
Near yon clear crystal fountain  
And on it, I will pile  
All the flowers o' the mountain.  
Will ye go, lassie go?

### VERSE # 3:

If my true love, she were gone,  
I would surely find another  
Where the wild mountain thyme  
Grows around the bloomin' heather.  
Will ye go, lassie go?

Now, I learned another verse, which I sing as the third verse, and those lyrics are:

I would range through the wilds  
And the deep glen so dreary  
And return with the spoils  
To the bower o' my dearie.  
Will ye go, lassie go?

Also, when I sing it, I insert an EXTRA "Will ye go, lassie go?" at the beginning of each chorus.

Until next time, *Tapadh leibh agus slainte mhath!*

# The Henderson Family Story

*(Researched up to 19 August 2004)*

Compiled and written by Charles J. Stewart



**M**y great-great grandfather, George Henderson, was born in Pittenweem about 1772. Pittenweem was a small fishing village in Fifeshire on the Firth of Forth. He was a custom landwaiter, or what would be called now a Waterguard Officer\*\*. He married and had a family of five sons and two daughters. He died in 1824. Other than the foregoing, and the following paragraph, as yet I know nothing of his life.

On December 30, 1797 George Henderson married Janet Tod at Canongate, Midlothian, Edinburgh. Janet, born about 1776, was the daughter of Peter Tod. I am still researching the Tod family. The resulting offspring of the union were born in Pittenweem.

The children that were a result of the union in order of their birth, were Margaret (1798), Thomas (1800), George (1802), John (1804), Janet (1807), Patrick (1808), Robert (1811), and Agnes (1812) who would eventually be my great grandmother.

Of the female children, I know nothing about Margaret, but much about Agnes. Of the five boys I have learned a great deal about four of them, and shall relate it here. Those four were prominent in the ship brokering and ship building business, as you shall see. The fifth brother, John, chose not to join his brothers in that line of endeavor.

Agnes Henderson married my great grandfather, James Stewart in 1837 in Glasgow. Between 1838 and 1856 they produced a large family of nine boys and three girls. One of the boys, William Miller Stewart, is my grandfather. Their story, of course, is a different chapter, the story of the Stewart's.

Now I turn to the sons of George Henderson for herein lies most of the interesting story of the early evolution of the Henderson family. The second oldest son, George Henderson at age 28 was master of a small vessel trading chiefly between the Mediterranean and the United Kingdom\*\*. His Mediterranean base was Leghorn (now Livorno), Italy. He married Hannah\*\* whose last name I have been unable to determine, who lived in Leghorn with him. It was about 1830 that George, aware of the potential for trade between Italy, and Scotland particularly, convinced his older brother Thomas to join him in Leghorn.

{Laird makes note that unmarried sister Nancy joined Thomas in Leghorn to care for him\*\*. I have found no daughter named Nancy in that generation of children. suspect that this is Janet who might have been called Nancy so as not to be confused with Janet, the mother}.

In 1833 Thomas returned home (either Pittenweem or Glasgow) to marry Jemima Thomson, sister of Alexander and William Thomson who founded the Ben Line of Leith, a shipbuilding company. This union brought ever-closer business as well as the familial ties between the Henderson, Thomson, and the Tod families in shipping, ship brokerage, and ship building.

Later George and Thomas induced their brother Robert to join them in Leghorn.

Thomas and Robert were both employed by a trading company called Peter Senn &

Company, but they continued to work with brother George as he continued to carry cargo from Leghorn to Scotland and other destinations. In 1840, Thomas and Robert resigned from Peter Senn & Company and, with George, formed their own trading company, Henderson Brothers. By this time George had acquired another trading vessel.

Meantime in Glasgow Patrick Henderson was working in a cotton mill as manager\*\* where, learned about the dry goods business, also saw future in trading, especially since he had trading contacts with his three brothers in Leghorn. Giving impetus to Patrick's burgeoning interest in trade was the close relationship between himself and his three brothers in Leghorn. This loose partnership led to Patrick establishing his own company, P. Henderson & Company based in Glasgow.

It would be well to point out here that their brother-in-law, my great grandfather

James Stewart, husband of their sister Agnes, worked very closely with Patrick because of James' business as a calico printer, i.e., in the business of fabric or dry goods production. Dry goods would become one of Patrick's major trading commodities. James Stewart and Patrick Henderson were very close friends\*\* as well as relatives.

Another significant event occurred in 1840 when George sold his trading ship to David Tod, probably a nephew, although this needs research. George then went to Glasgow to join Patrick as a full partner in P. Henderson & Company. Unfortunately, Patrick died in 1841, and George succeeded in full control of P. Henderson & Company.

In the year 1846, George brought in his brothers Thomas and Robert as co- partners in P. Henderson & Company, although they remained in Leghorn, conducting their own business as Henderson Brothers, but still in close association with George in Glasgow.

*Note:  
Some of the  
information in  
this article was  
taken from a book  
by Dorothy Laird  
titled  
Paddy  
Henderson,  
the Story of  
P. Henderson  
& Company.  
Such statements  
will be indicated  
by \*\*.*



George, no doubt needing additional leadership, brought Robert to Glasgow from Leghorn.

Thomas died of cholera in Leghorn in 1854. This prompted Robert to sell the Leghorn business, Henderson Brothers, to his two nephews\*\*. I believe them to be William and David Henderson, sons of one of the brothers. This needs additional research. At this point we have Henderson Brothers Company going in one direction with new ownership but still within the family, and P. Henderson & Company under the guidance of George and Robert Henderson. On Christmas Eve of 1852, George Henderson died leaving Robert as senior partner.

Robert Henderson carried on the P. Henderson & Company business for many years but with a change from emphasis on trading to that of shipbuilding. He was responsible for the construction of a number of ships that made up the fleet of P.

Henderson & Company. Robert died in 1868 and was succeeded by a long-time non-family partner, James Galbraith.

Thus ends the era of the five Henderson brothers. The next research project is to determine the role the descendants of the five brothers played in the story of the succeeding generation.

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## Rebel King—The Har'ships

A Review by Russ Henderson  
Editor, An Canach

I continue to be intrigued by the research it takes to write an historical novel. Whether it has to do with clothing, weaponry, victuals, or just the language—consider that the language of the lords, the soldiers, and the people requires the writing team of Charles Randolph Bruce and Carolyn Hale Bruce to know not only the obvious, but also the jargon; not only the grammar, but also the rhythm; and then to carry on a conversation as if the reader already knows what is happening because it is so obvious. I felt like I was there as each episode unfolds.

Having read both books, I recommend that you catch up with the story of the Rebel King and the intrigue that comes when gentlemen hold estates in several countries and therefore allegiance to two kings.

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Christina of Carrick, the king's kinswoman, is summoned to his side when it seems he, and thus the rebellion, is lost. So honorable people, they must try and keep their love from overpowering them and the struggle to free Scotland.

Buchan's power includes the young Earl of Strathbogie, who blames Robert for the death of his father; Baron John

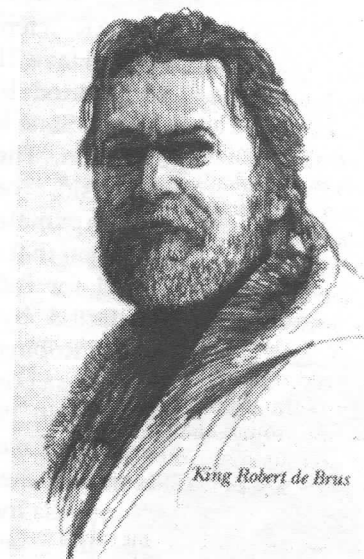
de Mowbray, commander of a great English force aimed at eradicating the Brus rebellion; and Sir Reginald Cheyne, awiserwarrior than Buchan, but constrained to do his bidding, nonetheless. Then there is the Earl of Ross, who betrayed the Brus' wife, daughter, and sister to the English resulting in their cruel imprisonment. Fearful of the Brus' revenge, he accepts a short term treaty to get King Robert from his door. Now, *The Brus* returns.

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# How Did The DAR Henderson Chapter Come To Have That Name But Be Located In Andrustown, New York?

By Russ Henderson

Clan Henderson has a conscious—Katie Crooks. She was out there talking to folks about her clan long before an effort was organized. How many members have met the Chief—in Australia? Katie was actively supporting COSCA and the Scottish-American community before the society organized and set up its first tent. Her newest endeavor was to ask, “How Did The DAR Henderson Chapter Come To Have That Name?”

She started by writing to the New York State Regent for contact information. The chapter regent, M.T. Mesick, responded with a collection of material. This article is based upon that material so we are thankful for information written or collected by <sup>1</sup>Mrs. Theodore Douglas Robinson in 1917, *Along the Leatherstocking Trail* by <sup>2</sup>Mrs. C.W. Crim in 1923, <sup>3</sup>*Beer's History of Herkimer County 1791*, a paper delivered to the Henderson Club, DAR by Miss Ines Paine.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century, Germans who lived in the German Palatinate were persecuted for being Protestants. Queen Anne of England supported the migration of these people (known as Palatines) to her colonies in the New World and primarily to the New York colony.

Dr. James Henderson was a surgeon in the Royal Army who received a land grant of 1600 acres in 1739 and for whom the town was originally named in the middle of the eighteenth century.

The first settlement called Hendersontown was made sometime soon after 1753. An indenture made on September 23, 1753, between the heirs of James Henderson and Gustave Roth and Paul Grimm of Bumettsfield

reads:

“I have agreed to pay unto the said James Henderson and Joseph Haviland and Margaret his wife, 200 pounds, and to divide the said tract of land into lots and to build on each of the said lots a dwelling house and to place and to settle thereon ten several families and that within the space of four years and call it Hendersontown.

“That Paul Grimm and their heirs, shall and will according to the agreement before recited, in order to the furthering the cultivation and the settlement improvements of the land lying adjoining and nearby and known as Hendersontown.”<sup>2</sup>

You may wonder why the name of “Andrustown” was given to this settlement, which was supposed to have been called, after James Henderson, the original owner of the land. The German settlers, being unable to pronounce the name, Hendersontown, first “Handerstown” and then “Andreastown” and “Andrustown” were evolved.<sup>1</sup>

The names of these first occupants were Grimm, Bell, Frank, Stauring, Hoyer, Osterhout and Lepper. Most of them came from the German Palatinate with a band of Protestants who because of the religious war, accepted Queen Anne's offer to send them to her English Colonies in New York.<sup>2</sup>

The settlement at Hendersontown was first destroyed in 1758 during the French and Indian War when a party of Indians and Frenchmen attacked it. After the close of the French and Indian War the settlers at Andrustown returned and rebuilt their homes.<sup>2</sup>

After the Battle of Oriskany, (August 6, 1777), the settlers of Andrustown remained at Fort

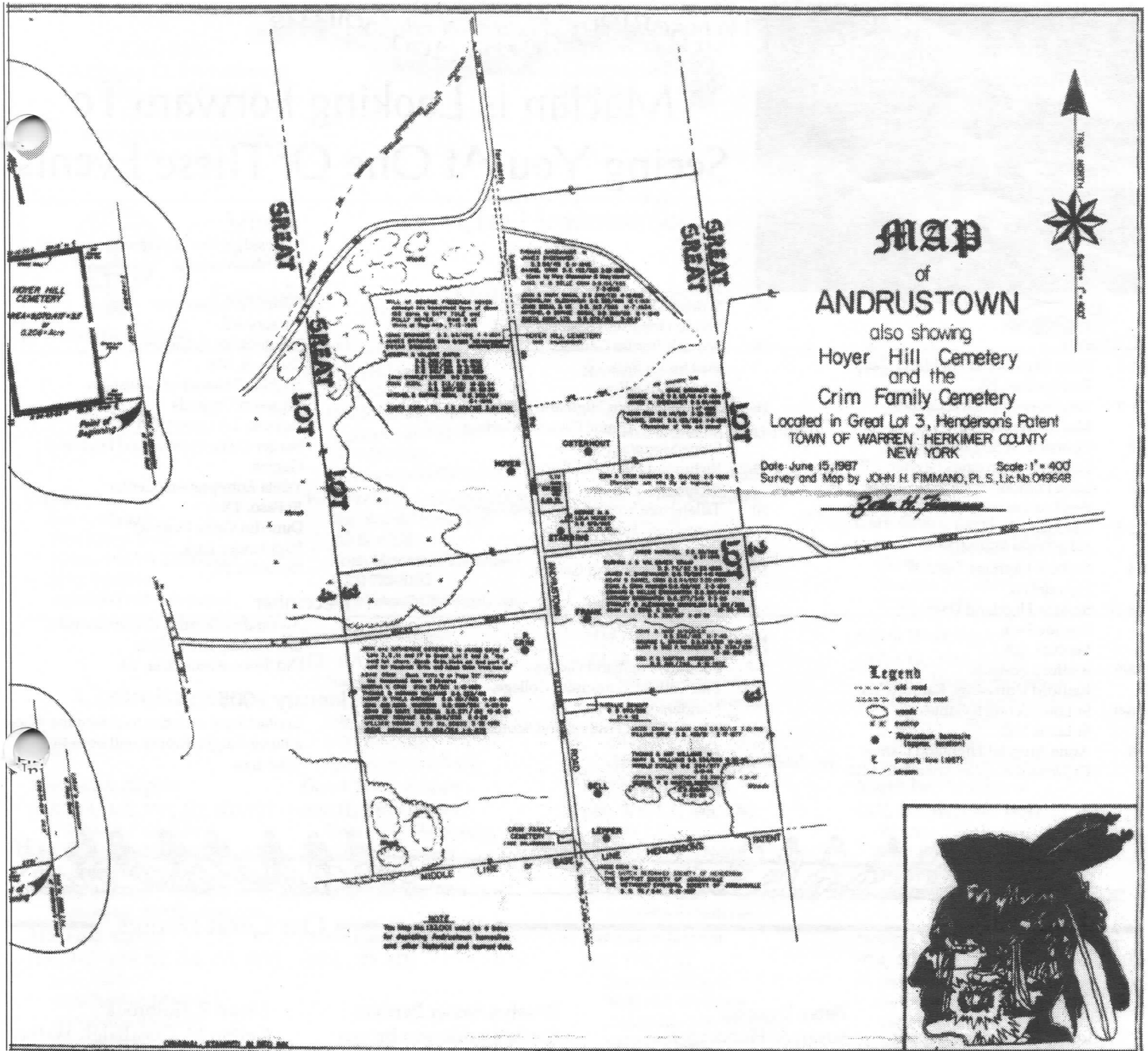
Dayton until Spring when a few of the men ventured back to their farms to plant their crops and in July to hill the corn and do the haying. During the massacre on July 18, 1778, some of the families managed to hide. After dark, John Osterhout and his wife and their two small children started to journey to the safety of the Fort. When they reached the Mohawk River, Mrs. Osterhout who could not swim, drove a cow into the river and seizing hold of the animal was safely ferried across. Hans Nicholas, a son of Osterhout, wandered three days in the forest before reaching the Fort.<sup>1</sup>

The Osterhouts and some others returned and rebuilt their cabins but in the autumn of 1782 the settlement was destroyed again.

The situation of these settlers was one of complete isolation, for the nearest settlement was nine miles away. The settlements at Conradtown and the Kyla were not made until the year 1765. Being shutout from the outside world did not matter, for every home was a manufacturing factory. Their hatters, tailors and shoemakers made their produce comparatively independent of the outside world. In the winter they worked at threshing wheat, dressing the flax and spinning the wool, all of which their fields and herds furnished. Their flocks and herds furnished meat and leather and their trees maple sugar.<sup>4</sup>

Their neighbors were Indians, and hunting parties were often met within the woods. The old Indian trail extending south from Fort Herkimer to Otsego Lake passed through this tract of land and the Indians from the upper Susquehanna Valley and the Indian villages on Young's and Weaver's





lakes came along this trail to trade their furs at German Flatts, where the traders carried quantities of rum and other goods, and from the Indians on their return with the rum the settlers lived in constant fear.<sup>4</sup>

The French traders and trappers, who settled in the upper Susquehanna before 1690, were familiar with the streams and of Warren, and between these trappers and the Indians there was continual fighting, for they would steal their furs and

traps. The only security against such thefts was prompt and swift retaliation. Along this trail before the Revolution a road was laid out, and this route was continually used by the Tories and Indians who had fled from the Mohawk Valley in their attack upon the colonists in Tryon County.<sup>4</sup>

Needless to say, many of the colonists in this area participated in the Revolutionary War. The DAR Henderson Chapter began many years ago to mark the graves of Revolutionary soldiers. They

also erected a tablet as a memorial to the victims of the Andrustown massacre.

Katie Crooks would like to see other members research the origin of other localities named for a Henderson.





*gatherings of the clan join us*

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## October

- 1-2 Flora Macdonald Highland Games\*\*  
Red Springs, NC
- 1-3 Tennessee Highland Games  
Murfreesboro, TN
- 2 Connecticut Scottish Festival  
Goshen Fairgrounds Goshen, CT
- 2 Loch Lomond Highland Games  
Ben Lomond, CA
- 2-3 Cheasapeake Games  
Near Snow Hill MD
- 3 Scottish Heritage Festival  
Homdel NJ
- 8-10 Seaside Highland Games  
Seaside Park  
Ventura, CA
- 8-9 Radford Festival  
Radford University, Radford VA
- 8-9 St Louis Scottish Games  
St Louis MO
- 9 Anne Arundel Highland Games  
Crownsville - near Annapolis MD

- 10 Scotland Highland Festival  
Waldo Homestead, Scotland, CT
- 16 Scottish Border Games  
Fort Smith Park  
Fort Smith AR
- 16-17 Stone Mountain Highland Games  
Henderson Annual General Meeting  
Stone Mountain GA
- 23-24 Richmond Highland Games  
Richmond VA
- 30 Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games  
Sunny Hill Farm  
Tallahassee, FL
- 30 Waxhaw Highland Games  
Cane Creek Park  
Waxhaw, NC

## November

- 5-7 Foothills Highland Games  
Blue Ridge Community College,  
Hendersonville, NC
- 6 Tucson Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland  
Games

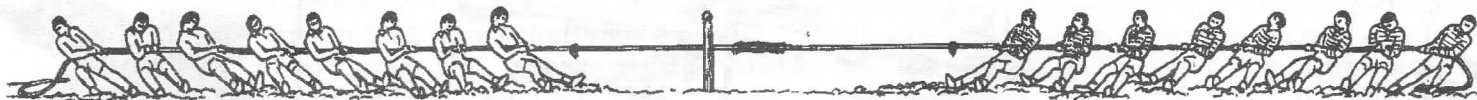
- Rillito Park Raceway  
Tucson, AZ
- 14-14 Salado Scottish Games  
Gulfport, MS
- 21-21 Highland Games of Louisiana  
Museum Grounds  
Jackson, LA
- 22 Border Celtic Festival and Highland  
Games
- 23 Ysleta Entrepreneur Center  
El Paso, TX
- 20 Dunedin Celtic Festival  
Highlander Park  
Dunedin, FL

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- 5 Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk  
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## Scottish Ginger Cake

Yield: 10 servings

- 3 c All-purpose flour
- 1/2 ts Salt
- 2 ts Baking soda
- 1 tb Ground ginger
- 1/3 c Golden raisins
- 1/3 c Chopped mixed candied peel
- 1/3 c Crystallized ginger, chopped
- 3/4 c Molasses
- 3/4 c Butter
- 1/3 c Packed brown sugar
- 3 Eggs, beaten
- 3T milk

A rich cake, this improves with keeping in an airtight tin. Very nice served with tea.

Preheat oven to 325F. Generously grease an 8-inch square baking pan; set aside. Sift flour, salt, baking soda and ground ginger into a large bowl. Stir in raisins (plump then in some sherry or water before using), candied peel and crystallized ginger; set aside. In a medium-size saucepan, combine molasses, butter and brown sugar. Stir over low heat until butter is melted. Remove from heat. Beat in eggs and milk. Make a well in center of reserved dry ingredients. Pour in molasses mixture and beat thoroughly. Pour into cake pan. Bake 1 1/4 hours, or until top springs back when lightly touched with finger. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Makes 8 to 12 servings.

## Aunt Isabell's Shortbread

Categories: Cookies, Holiday, Scottish

Yield: 1 servings

- 1 c Butter
- 1/2 c Sugar icing
- 2 1/2 c Flour, all purpose - sifted

Preheat oven to 350F. Place butter in bowl, should be at room temperature.

Add icing sugar. work together with hands. Add flour. Keep working with hands till well mixed. Put the dough on a board and pat to 1/2" thickness.

Cut in rectangles or fancy designs. Bake 20 - 25 minutes at 350F till brown on edges.

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